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Chapter 1

AREN'T YOU GOING TO JUNRINDOU HIGH!?
Junrindou High
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, NANAKO!?
I just wanted to be somewhere far away.
Back then,
PLEASE, JUST DO AS YOUR MOTHER SAYS!!!
I stole... I mean, I found a bike,
and rode and rode and rode without a destination in mind.

AH.. AM I GOING TO DIE HERE...?
CRASH
But when I think about it now
UH...
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE

Maybe I was being pulled along...
PEOPLE REALLY DON'T DIE THAT EASILY, HUH.
OH—
...
HM?
That's right.
What is this place...?
so I would come here

It feels kind of familiar...
CAN'T BE
Since this is my first time here, and I don't know how to get back home.
FOUND YOU.
Hm?
What's with this kid?
I WIN!
LET'S GO.
Huh?
What~~!!?
CREAK
CREAK

I'M TELLING YOU—
HEY, WAIT! TIME OUT!
NOPE! YOU LOST, TIME TO PAY UP!
What...
BDMP
BDMP
BDMP
is this feeling ...?

Do I... know this ploce...?
WE'RE BACK!
UM, HELLO? IT'S ME.
I wouldn't forget coming to o ploce like this...
A piono?
!!
OH, HE'S WORKING.
LOUIE!
No, I don't!
I totolly don't!

What...
is that
...!?
What
...?

WHAT'S WRONG?
SIS?
T/N: HE USES "SIS" AS A TERM OF FAMILIARITY, THEY AREN'T RELATED.
HA ...
HA HA
What's going on...!?

His eyes!
AH!
those eyes... somewhere...
I've seen...

I'M HOME!
NANAKO !!
JUST WHAT TIME DO YOU THINK IT IS..!?
THAT'S ALL I GET?
Where ——?

WHAT TIME? IT'S NOT EVEN 6.30 YET.
tap tap tap
y-
YOUR CURFEW IS SIX!!
SLAM
NANA—
I'm sick of this...
sigh
NANAKO!!
tap tap tap
YOU WAIT RIGHT THERE!
SLAM
!!

OPEN THIS DOOR, NANAKO!!
No...
No...
I don't want to...!!
DO YOU WANT TO END UP LIKE YOUR BROTHER!?
NANAKO! JUST LOOK AT HOW YOU'RE ACTING!
YOU'RE THE ONLY CHILD I HAVE LEFT!

I SEE.
I'm sick of this...!! I'm sick of this...!!
AND YOU'LL STAY HERE?

SO BE IT.
I'LL SAVE YOU.
Nooooo

What...? A dream...?
HAA
HAA
YOU OK?
DID YOU HAVE A BAD DREAM?
HE'S HERE!
GAAAA!!!
WHAT'RE YOU PANICKING FOR?
I WAS THE ONE WHO CARRIED YOU HERE.
Don't hurt yourself

Oh!
That's right.. I fainted ...
BUT I REALLY WASN'T EXPECTING
FOR EVEN YOU TO COME HERE
Hm?
YOU MUST HAVE BEEN SUFFERING AS WELL.
Hmmm??
WAIT, WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT--?
BUT IT'LL BE FINE NOW
I'LL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOU
Huh...?

What...?
Chomp
Shock
GAHH!
Hey hey hey!!!
WHY'D YOU BITE ME!?
That shirt
Are you an idiot!? Stupid!?
"WHY" ...?

I ACTUALLY CHARGE A LOT FOR IT, BUT WELL...
THIS IS MY OWN FAULT...
WHAT!?
WHAT'S THAT!?
No way!
C'mon, give me your hand
HUH?
HUH?
WAIT,
YOU DON'T KNOW?
...DID YOU
WIND UP HERE BY ACCIDENT?
OF-
OF COURSE I DID!
I FIGURED I'D MAKE ONE FOR YOU TOO...
A MERI-CLONE.

HUH... SO THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED
Hey!!
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT? I'M COMPLETELY CLUELESS
Also unexpected
GRR
GRR
GRR
RIGHT, NOW THAT YOU'VE COME ALL THE WAY HERE.
I GUESS I'LL TELL YOU TOO
.....
WHAT AM I TALKING ABOUT... HUH
RUSTLE
ABOUT MERI-CLONES...
AS YOU SAW EARLIER,
THIS IS THEM.

THEY'RE ALIVE.
FIRST OF ALL, THEY AREN'T DOLLS.
Ha ha ha
Ahaha, they're incredible.
OH... OH——
THEY'RE HUMANS MADE FROM THE CELLS OF THE ORIGINALS
WELL, YOU COULD CALL THEM CLONES.
Clones !?
THEY'RE COPIES RIGHT DOWN TO A PERSON'S MEMORIES
THEY, WELL,
BUT MERICLONES AREN'T SIMPLY CLONES.

What's he talking about...?
NOT EVEN THE MERI-CLONE THEMSELF
WOULD NOTICE.
IF YOU SWITCHED THEM OUT, NO ONE WOULD NOTICE
MERI-CLONES ARE BASICALLY THE SAME AS THE ORIGINALS
WITH THOSE TWO THINGS,
MEMORIES AND LIFE.
But —...
WAIT.
THEN IF YOU MADE A MERI-CLONE OF ME...
Maybe I could escape from that house...
NO!!
OH

NO! YOU CAN'T MAKE A MEI-CLONE.
Who's she...?
tap
tap
tap
tap
HEY!
TH—THAT HURTS!
NOW NOW, CALM DOWN..
!!
LISTEN, GO HOME ALREADY!!
GRAB

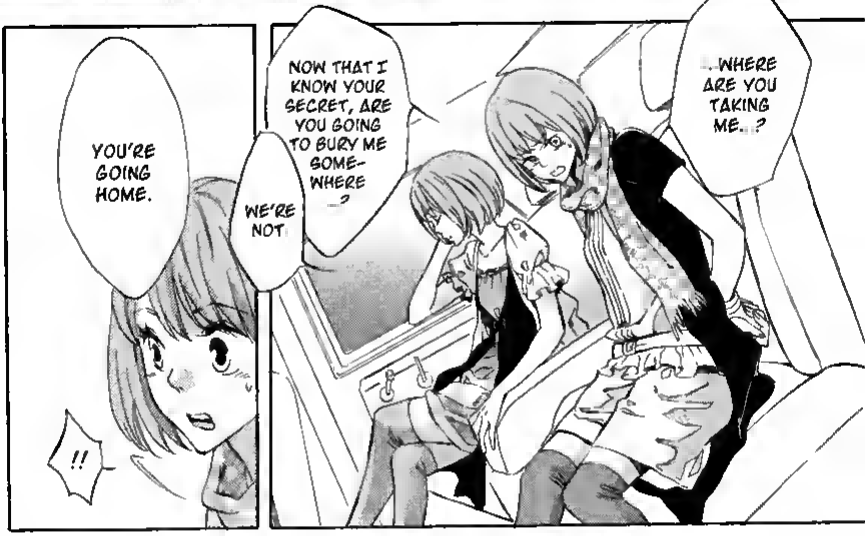
YANK
LET GO OF ME!
... huh?

Me...?
Why is she the same as me...?
BUT THEY AREN'T SIMPLY CLONES
WELL, YOU COULD CALL THEM CLONES
WHAT IS THIS...?
HOLD IT...

NOOOOOO
It can't be true, can it!?
NOT EVEN THE MERICLONE HERSELF WOULD NOTICE.
THEY'RE COPIES RIGHT DOWN TO A PERSON'S MEMORIES.
It can't be... it's not true...
JOLT
SLAM

BUT WHY DID YOU TELL HER ABOUT MERI-CLONES ..!?
I NEVER THOUGHT YOU MIGHT HAVE A MERI-CLONE ..
I— I'M, SORRY!
Well, this guy brought her in
BUT DIDN'T SHE COME HERE ON HER OWN?
You think so?
THIS IS YOUR FAULT!!
BECAUSE SHE WAS CRYING THAT SHE WANTED TO ESCAPE.
WHY ..?
He he
JUST LIKE YOU WERE, ONCE UPON A TIME.

WELL, THERE'S NO PRECEDENT FOR MAKING A MERICLONE FROM A MERICLONE.
I WONDER IF IT'S POSSIBLE
PLUS SHE'S THE SAME PERSON,
SO NATURALLY SHE'D HAVE THE SAME DESIRES.
...I'LL STOP IT.
HM?
What do you mean?
I MEAN I'M SENDING HER HOME.
HUH!? WAIT A MINUTE!
YOU-
IT'S FINE, I'M SENDING HER HOME!


WHERE ARE YOU TAKING ME...?
NOW THAT I KNOW YOUR SECRET, ARE YOU GOING TO BURY ME SOMEWHERE...?
WE'RE NOT
YOU'RE GOING HOME.
!!

YOU... IDIOT!!
I CAN'T GO HOME, NOT KNOWING WHAT I KNOW NOW!!!
YOU GET THAT IF I'M AN IDIOT,
YOU'RE AN IDIOT TOO, RIGHT?
Idiot
GLARE
GRIN
Ha ha ha TOO RIGHT.
Pax
Pat

HEY, DON'T LAUGH AT ME!
TAKE ME BACK THERE!
MAKE A MERICLONE TO SEND HOME IN MY PLACE...!!
...YOU CAN'T.
YOU CAN'T USE A MERICLONE
WHY NOT!? YOU MADE ME!!
BE-CAUSE
YOU'D REGRET IT.

I JUST KNOW...
HOW WOULD YOU KNOW THAT!?
I KNOW YOU TWO ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF SOME-THING,
BUT WE'RE HERE
HMM, BUT...
THERE SEEMS TO BE A PRETTY BIG COMMOTION..

THERE'S NO WAY I'M GOING BACK!!
N— NO WAY!
!!
I'LL UNTIE YOU.
C'MON, GET GOING!
WAIT, PLEASE WAIT!!
I—
YOU GET TO LEAVE, AND I HAVE TO GO IN YOUR PLACE!?
WHAT IS WITH YOU!? THIS ISN'T FAIR...!!
SHE DIDN'T RUN AWAY!!
OR SHE'S BEEN IN AN ACCI-DENT SOME-WHERE!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!? SHE'S BEEN KIDNAPPED!
WELL... IT HASN'T BEEN LONG ENOUGH TO FILE A REPORT...
THIS IS SERIOUS!!
HA HA...

SHE'S A GOOD GIRL!!
GETTING KIDNAPPED LOOKS BETTER
Ha ha
I GET IT SHE'D LOOK BAD IF I RAN AWAY.
THAT'D MAKE IT BOTH OF HER KIDS
"CARES" ABOUT ME!?
HEY ...
MORE LIKE CARES ABOUT WHAT I CAN BRING TO THE FAMILY ...!!
SHE HAS TO KNOW..
THAT I CARE ABOUT HER MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE..!!
AFTER MY SON LEFT US,
SHE STAYED BY MY SIDE..!!
IF IT'S A QUESTION OF MONEY, I'LL PAY WHAT-EVER IT TAKES!!

I'LL SELL OFF THE HOUSE, ALL OF IT!!
SHE'S MY DAUGHTER! SHE MEANS EVERY-THING TO ME!
I DON'T WANT TO LOSE ANYONE ELSE...!!
WHAT'S WITH HER...
SHE'S LYING...! SHE'S NEVER SAID THAT TO ME...!!
YOU'VE FORGOTTEN.
YOU'VE FORGOT-TEN...
THAT'S ALL.

MOM
MOM.
MOM!
HERE,
REMEMBER.
I LOVE YOU, MOM!
WHAT IS IT, NANAKO?
She's said it countless times——...
MOMMY
LOVES YOU TOO, NANAKO..
She's hugged me countless times..
She loves me more than anything in this world...

When I was little,
LISTEN... YOU CAN STILL GO TO HER, YOU KNOW?
knowing and feeling things were so simple.

and I can no longer tell what's real.
Now that I've grown up, I've seen too many things.
So why is it?

I'M HOME...
MOM.
DON'T CRY
OUT HERE.

HEARING WHAT I WANTED TO HEAR
JUST MADE ME HAPPY.
SHE MEANS EVERYTHING TO ME.
DO YOU REGRET IT?
NOT REALLY.
I SEE.
MAYBE THAT MERI-CLONE
CAME TO US IN ORDER TO MEET YOU.
MAYBE
Now she and I can both move forward.

Mericlones—— ...are they where life starts or ends...?

No one knows the answer yet.

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Chapter 2

CAW
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WHAT IS THIS..
NO WAY..
AHH AH AH AH!
flap
flap
WHAT'S WRONG, SIS...?
OH!

CREEPING ME OUT!!
MY HAIR...!
WHEN I WOKE UP, IT WAS LIKE THIS..!!
OH!
THAT'S RIGHT, DIDN'T LOUIE PUT SOMETHING ON YOUR HEAD LAST NIGHT?
OH... YOU'RE RIGHT...
THAT HAS TO BE IT!
!
LOUIE, DAMN YOU!!
I'm going to shave that head of his !!!
GRRR
BUT LOUIE'S ALREADY LEFT?
HUH?
NO WAY, AT THIS HOUR!?
YEAH,
HE SAID HE HAS SOMETHING TO TAKE CARE OF.

HANADA LOUIE
THAT HE HAS TO TAKE MATTERS INTO HIS OWN HANDS SOMETIMES.
I'M HERE FROM ENGLAND TO STUDY ABROAD.
MY FAVORITE FOOD IS DONUTS.
I love the shape of them.
IT'S NICE TO MEET YOU GUYS
WOW!!
Blond hair and blue eyes!!!

WHOA ...
WHAT'S UP WITH THAT?
Who's he pretending to be?
"STUDY ABROAD"?
THAT'S GUTSY
He's got their uniform
And he's all upbeat, it's creepy
LOOKS LIKE FUN~ I WANNA GO TO SCHOOL, TOO~~~
Not listening
if he's posing as an exchange student,
he must be looking for someone like me—— ...
Someone who'd want a mericlone...

HUH? WHERE'RE YOU GOING?
SORRY!
I'VE GOT TO GO!
SIS!
HEY,
LOOK AT HIM, HE'S A COMPLETE AIRHEAD
DOESN'T HE SEEM LIKE A BAD APPLE?
WHAT, ISN'T THAT OBVIOUS?

LOUIE!!
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE HAVING FUN,
rustle
BUT WOULD YOU MIND EXPLAINING THIS TO ME?
OH MY, WHO MIGHT YOU BE?
YOU KNOW FULL WELL WHO I AM...!
You're obviously lying!!
QUIT PLAYING AROUND WITH PEOPLE'S BODIES LIKE THEY'RE TOYS, WILL YOU?
Grab Grab
Tdoys!?
WHAT'S THE PROBLEM? YOU LOOK CUTE LIKE THAT.
Y—YOU IDIOT! I'VE ALWAYS BEEN CUTE!!
WELL, I GUESS THAT'S TRUE...

BUT I WAS SURE
THAT YOU'D LOOK GOOD LIKE THIS.
Again... those eyes...
HEY, LOUIE
YOU
to some distant place...
he's looking past me
It's like

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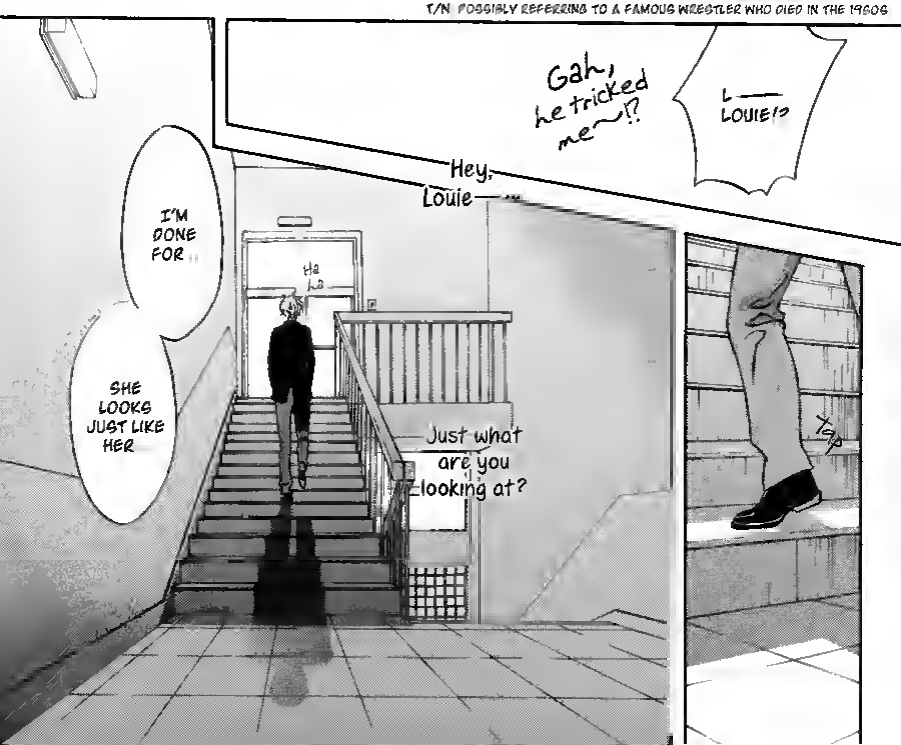


WELL...
I CAN ENJOY IT...

GOOD,
I MADE IT
OWN.
JUMP
DON'T DO THAT.
AH!
JUMP

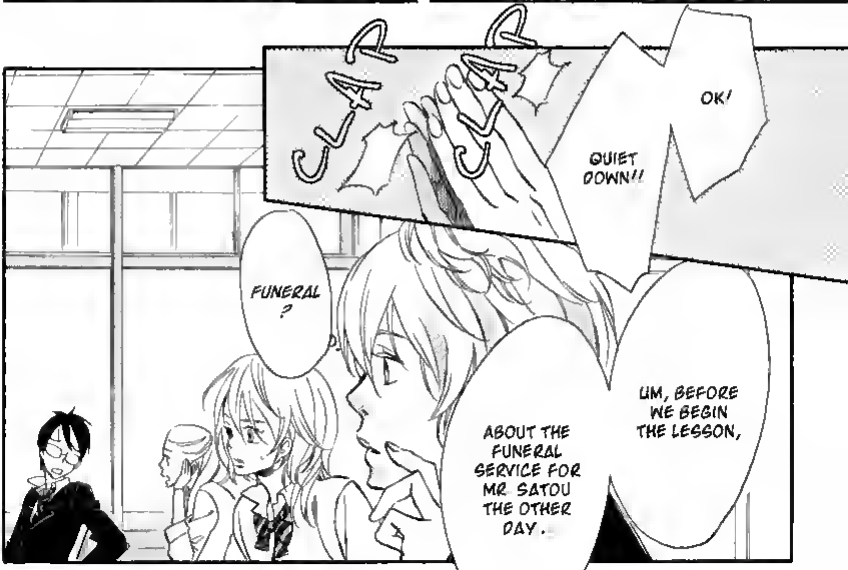
WHAT'S WITH YOU!?
WHY'D YOU SAVE ME!?
FROM THIS HEIGHT, YOU MIGHT NOT DIE.
EVEN A SHORT FLIGHT
He he
IS IMPOSSIBLE IF YOU DON'T HAVE WINGS, YOU KNOW?
I FIGURED YOU DIDN'T WANT THAT
YOU COULD SURVIVE AND WIND UP HALF-DEAD.
I DIDN'T SAVE YOU.
ALSO,

I was looking for a kid like you.

QUIT JOKING AROUND !!
SLAP
YEAH
BUT I WASN'T JOKING AROUND..
That hurt...

!!
OH!

DUN
Wait, why's he smiling?
Ha ha
WHAT,
WE'RE IN THE SAME CLASS?


CLAP CLAP
OK!
QUIET DOWN!!
FUNERAL ?
UM, BEFORE WE BEGIN THE LESSON,
ABOUT THE FUNERAL SERVICE FOR MR SATOU THE OTHER DAY.

JOLT...
WE'VE RECEIVED A LETTER OF GRATITUDE FROM THE BEREAVED FAMILY.
HE WAS SO YOUNG.
IT WAS AN ACCI-DENT, RIGHT?
Clatter
Hmm... an accident...
OH! AIZAWA!
DASH
Chatter
EVERYONE, QUIET DOWN!
Chatter
Chatter
ABOUT AIZAWA, THEY SAY
WHAT'S WITH HER?
What? No way!
I SEE...
So that's it is...?

I GET IT.
SO YOU WERE PLANNING TO JOIN YOUR TEACHER.
RIGHT?
HOW STUPID
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE HIM IF YOU DO THAT
GEEZ
WHAT'S WITH YOU!? LEAVE ME ALONE!!
JUST WHO ARE YOU...!?
WELL... NO MATTER WHAT I SAY, YOU WON'T LIKE IT.
YEAH IF I HAVE TO ANSWER...

I SUPPOSE I'M SOME-THING OF A GOD.
TO YOU,

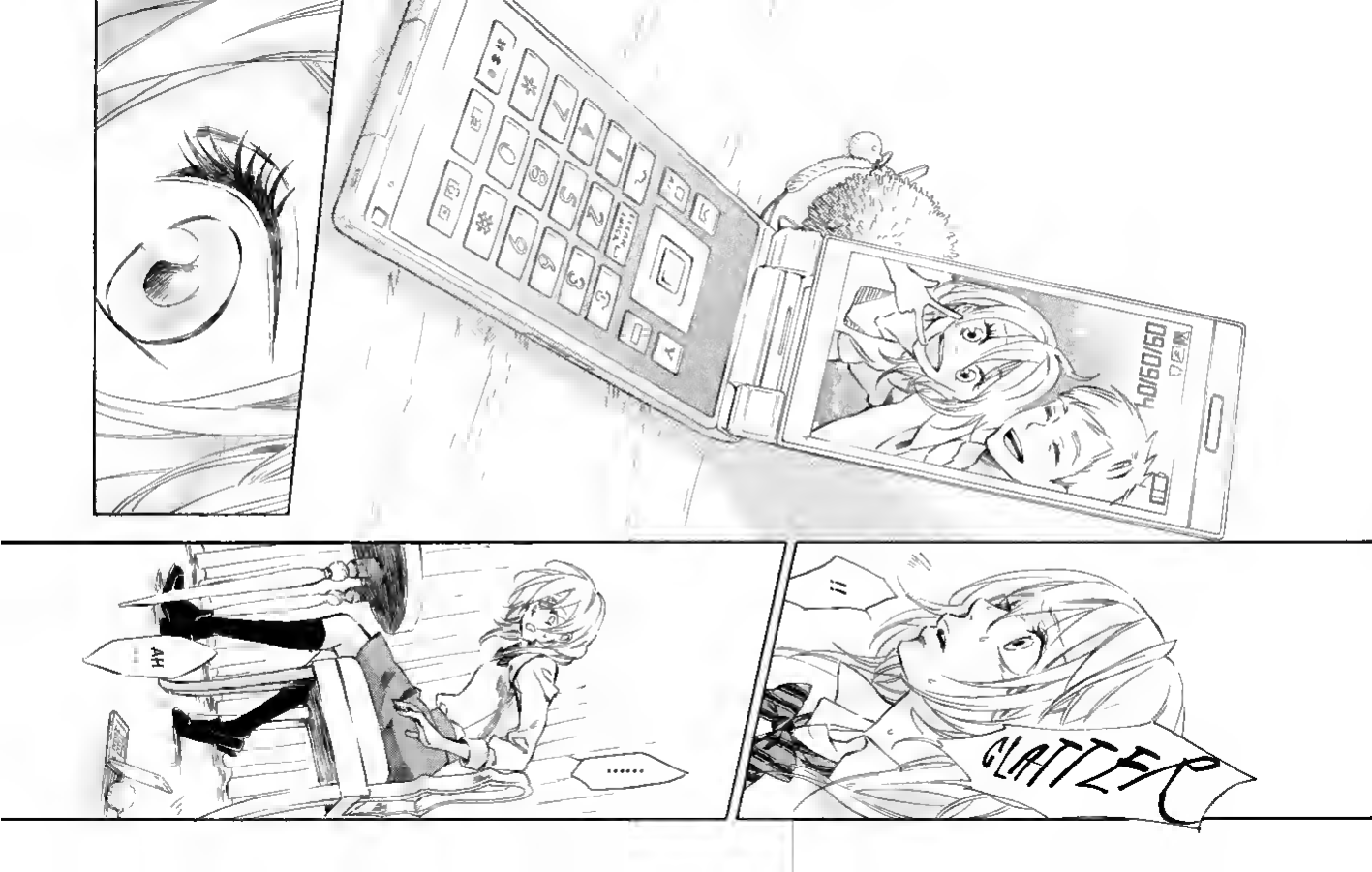
CLACK
HERE!
OH
THANKS
HIS LITTLE BROTH-ER?
But why... did I come all the way to his house...?
I WILL SAVE YOU.
SORRY FOR THE WAIT.
A god...?
It's not like I believe what he said...
I SUPPOSE I'M SOMETHING OF A GOD.

No... that's not it.
HUH?
He's like a god lurking in the ocean depths
where no light can reach...
Like Death's reaper—— ...

NOW THEN,
WHERE SHOULD I BEGIN?
I'm kind of...
frightened...
THAT'S RIGHT...
I'D BE FASTER TO JUST SHOW YOU UP FRONT.
rustle
THEY SAY A PICTURE'S WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS.

MERI
CLONES
?
THAT'S RIGHT
I MAKE THEM
MERI-CLONES
WHAT
ARE THOSE
?
TO BE CLEAR,
THEY'RE ALIVE
THEY AREN'T DOLLS OR CORPSES
THEY CAN BE ANOTHER YOU
OR ANOTHER SOMEONE ELSE

WELL, TO GET RIGHT TO THE POINT,
I CAN RESURRECT YOUR BOY-FRIEND LIKE THIS.
...HUH?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT...
DON'T YOU WANT TO SEE HIM?
TH... THERE'S NO WAY...
THAT I COULD SEE HIM
SLIDE


Hm
.....
=
CLATTER

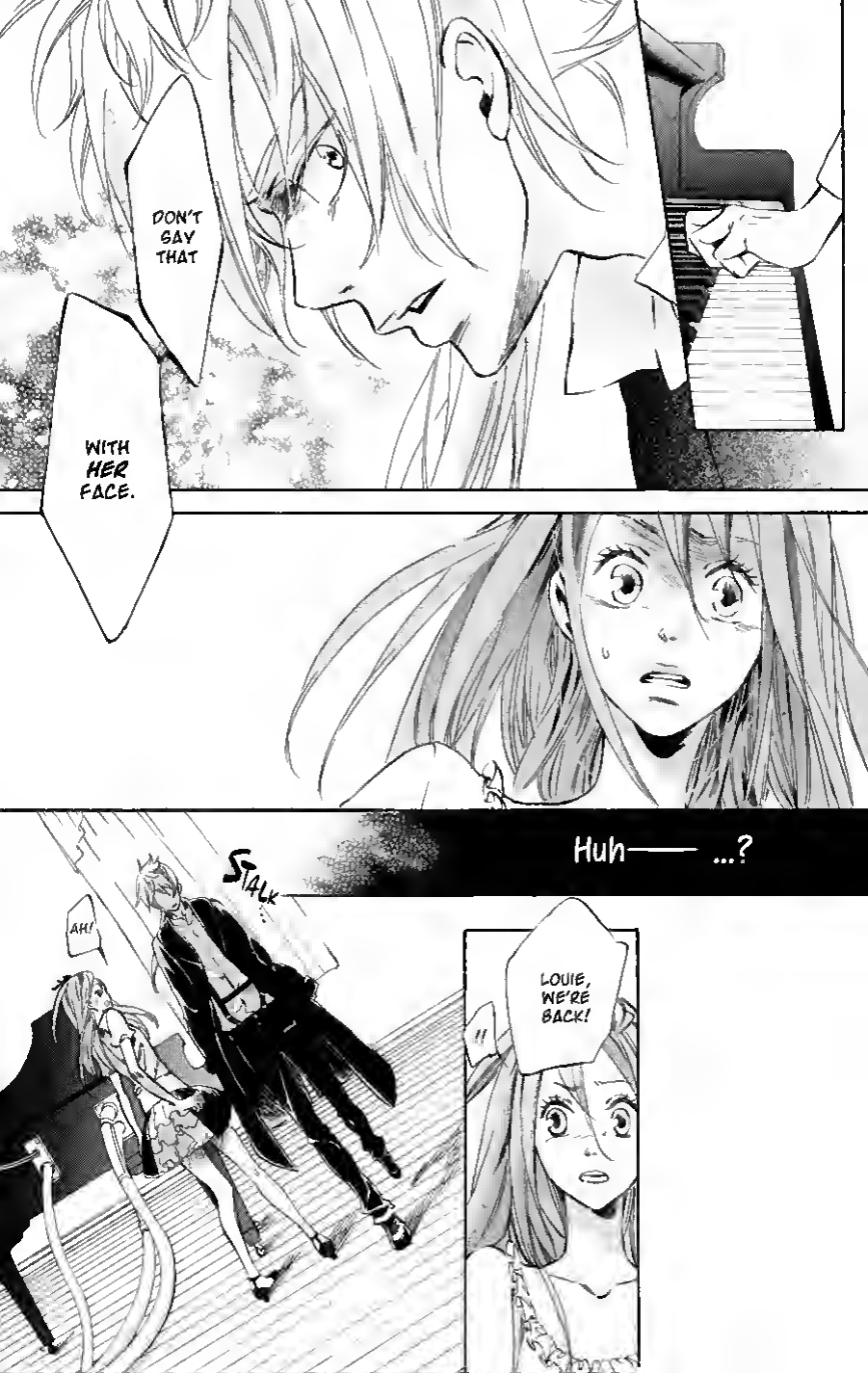
SNIFF...
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S WORTH A TRY?
SNIFF
DU DU

We're not even made from cells like our original...
Well, we could call them templates like diaries.
But, there's one big difference:
Even their memories are copied.

What we need is something from the original human—
SO, ARE WE GOING TO DO THIS?
A small fragment...

ANOTHER ONE SAVED...
YEAH... THAT'S ANOTHER ONE TODAY..
YOU AREN'T SAVING THEM.

LIKE YOU CAN TALK.
THAT ISN'T SAVING THEM.
I MADE ONE FOR YOU, YOUR VERY OWN MERICLONE.
THAT'S WHY I'M SAYING, THAT ISN'T—


DON'T SAY THAT
WITH HER FACE.
Huh—— ...?
STALK
AH!
LOUIE, WE'RE BACK!

He said...
her face...?
What... did he mean by that?

THIS IS HIM ?
YES
Hey, Louie
What is this?
HE'S SMALL RIGHT NOW,
BUT IT'LL ONLY TAKE A WEEK

WHY ARE YOU CRYING...?
BECAUSE YOU'RE SMILING.
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OH, IT'S TSUBAKI TAKUTO
HE'S SO POPULAR RIGHT NOW!
HIS NEXT SHOW'S AT THE STADIUM!
YAMAMOTO
SHOP

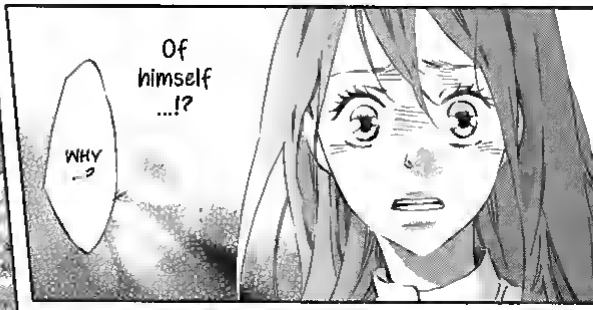
Tsubaki
Takuto...

Is this really what you wanted ?
HUH
AMAZING.
GLUB
GLUB
TO THINK THAT SOMETHING LIKE THIS
ACTUALLY EXISTS.

But for him to be here—

NO, NO!
THERE'S NO WAY THAT CLONES ARE...
B-BUT...
Is he the next client...?
POP
THEY AREN'T CLONES. THEY'RE MERICLONES
THESE GUYS
ARE COPIES RIGHT DOWN TO YOUR MEMORIES
THEY'RE FAR MORE ADVANCED THAN CLONES

I SEE..
GOT IT.
IN OTHER WORDS, THEY ALLOW ME TO CREATE A SECOND OR THIRD
OF WHAT WOULD BE A UNIQUE EXISTENCE
THEN MAYBE I SHOULD ORDER ONE.
TA.. TAKUTO!!
YAWN



Another...
Tsubaki
Takuto...?

ARE YOU SERIOUS!?
SURE, WHY NOT?
I MEAN, TO THINK THAT GODS ACTUALLY EXIST...
Or well, maybe he's a demon
WELL, EITHER WAY, I GUESS YOU COULD SAY IT'S A MIRACLE THAT WE MET
I OBJECT!!
WHAT?
YOU AFRAID?
IT'S NOT THAT I'M AFRAID...!!
I...
I ALSO OBJECT!!
RAise

Who's she?
.....
HUH?
IT'S SETTLED...
RAH!
NO MERI-CLONE!!
IT'S NOT TOO LATE YET!
YOU SHOULD STOP NOW!
AH, NO, WELL...
BUT WHY WOULD YOU OBJECT...?
OH. YOU WERE INSIDE...
HE SAID YOU WERE HIS ASSIS-TANT?
HUH!?
AH, YES!
Assis-tant?
IT'S BECAUSE I KNOW...

I KNOW SOMEONE WHO MADE A MERI-CLONE...
OF HER-SELF...
NOW SHE'S HIDDEN AWAY FROM EVERYONE
HER ESCAPE WAS EVEN MORE FINAL THAN DEATH.
SHE HATED EVERY-THING——
SHE GAVE LIFE TO A MERICLONE AS A REPLACE-MENT...
AND WANTED TO RUN AWAY FROM HERSELF.
But it was a huge mistake——...
THAT GIRL... NOW REGRETS IT...
HUH...
SO I SHOULDN'T DO IT?
Y—YES!

Ha ha ha
THE HELL, THAT'S HILARIOUS!
ha ha ha ha
!!
HILARI-OUS!?
HEY!! I WAS BEING SERIOUS...!!
BUT I'M NOT HER.

I WON'T REGRET IT.
JUST WHO DO YOU THINK I AM?
LET'S GO.
AH...
OK!

WH
WHAT'S WITH HIM...!?
Ah! terrible thought!
Are all pop stars like that?
HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND AT ALL
WHAT MAKING A MERICLONE MEANS.

YEP,
SHE'S A COMPLETE IDIOT...
So the only similarity is her looks, huh...

This tide cannot be so easily stopped!
How about you show me what you're capable of?
H.M.Melon
He's actually in the middle of a tour, of all things...
He might be gone tomorrow.
TODAY'S OUR ONLY CHANCE...
HEY, I WONDER WHERE THAT GUY IS...
Shh!
WHAT IF WE GET CAUGHT!?
It was a huge pain sneaking in, too!

I have to stop him before he starts making the mericlone...
HEY!! WHAT'RE YOU DOING!?
EEK!!
bdmp
I TOLD YOU TO STEP OUT FRONT FASTER HERE, DION'T I!?
S— SORRY!
Oh!!
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO SAY IT!?
...I'M SORRY
There he is! Tsubaki Takuto!
GEEZ, I'M JUST ABOUT DONE WITH YOU.
I CAN'T STAND GUYS WHO DON'T TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY.
AND YOU'VE GOT NO TALENT, ANYWAY
MAN, HE'S ROUGH.
And arrogant...
Who does he think he is?

I WON'T REGRET IT.
JUST WHO DO YOU THINK I AM?
WHAT'S WITH HIM...
.....
But——...

He's exactly where he should be——…
Yeah, it wouldn't be like him at all.
He doesn't look like someone who has "regrets"…
Living only to be here——…
HEY, YOU…
HE MAY TALK CRAP, BUT YOU'VE GOTTA RESPECT HIS RESOLVE
TAKUTO KEEPS GETTING MORE AND MORE FIRED UP
want a mericlone of himself…?
Why would someone like him

AH!!
Oh crap!!
YOU... AREN'T STAFF, ARE YOU?
It wasn't even a notice I was leaving anymore!!
WHAT'S WRONG?
HM? WHO'RE YOU TWO?
NO, UM, WELL...
Wh-what now!?
Hello!
OH—— GEEZ, SO THAT'S WHERE YOU WERE?
C'MON, WE HAVE TO GET TO THE DRESSING ROOM...
LOU
Louie —!!?
Tsubaki Takuto

Tee hee?
A gig...!?
Tee hee ♡
I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE FUN TO PICK UP A GIG EVERY SO OFTEN
Why is Louie here —— !?
COULD APPEAR ANYWHERE!
THAT ASIDE, WHY'D YOU COME ALL THE WAY OUT HERE?
OH...
I...
I..

WHAT KIND OF QUESTION IS THAT? IT'S MY DRESSING ROOM
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN THERE!?
Here, an autograph.
WHOA!
IF YOU'RE A FAN, YOU SHOULD'VE JUST TOLD ME SO
SHINE
Shock
NO
THIS ISN'T WHAT I'M HERE FOR...!!
C'mon, go home
NOW GIVE IT A BREAK
!!
IF IT'S ABOUT THE MERICLONE, I WON'T GIVE UP ON IT
THEN WHAT?
C'MON, WHY!?
REASONS.
WH-
WHY NOT!?
NO WELL
YOU'RE PRETTY ANNOY-ING, YOU KNOW
BUT ..!

BUT
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN GO OUT THERE
WITH THAT INTENSE EXPRESSION!!
LOOKING LIKE EVEN DEATH COULDN'T STOP YOU!
THAT'S RIGHT.
I
AM THE ONLY ONE.

TAKUTO!!
!?
TA-
I'LL..
J— JUST A SECOND!
S.. SORRY
KUPP..
KUPP..
RUMMAGE
ONLY..
ME..
!?
Haa..!
SLUMP
AH W— WATER!?
PLEASE BRING SOME WATER..!
Huh!?
CHUSE

Wait a minute...
AH, THANKS!
Here
GOT IT
No way...
LOUIE...
YES?
PLEASE HURRY...
HURRY WITH MY MERI-CLONE...!
BEFORE MY BODY GIVES OUT...!

So he's actually...
TAKUTO!
PLEASE WAIT!
I CAN'T JUST GIVE UP!
LET'S GET YOU INTO TREATMENT! OKAY!?
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT, TREATMENT?
YOU KNOW FULL WELL IT'S TOO LATE FOR THAT...
THEN AT LEAST TELL SOMEONE EVEN IF IT'S JUST YOUR PARENTS...!
NO!!
I... TSUBAKI TAKUTO WON'T DIE!
NO WAY IN HELL I COULD DIE LIKE THIS!!
BUT...
BUT THEN...

YOU'LL BE COMPLETELY ALONE, WON'T YOU!?
BUT THEN
CAN YOU IMAGINE HOW ALONE YOU'LL BE!?
YOU'LL DIE WITHOUT ANYONE KNOWING...
TAKUTO!
PLEASE THINK THIS THROUGH!!
EVEN THOUGH SO MANY PEOPLE LOVE YOU...!

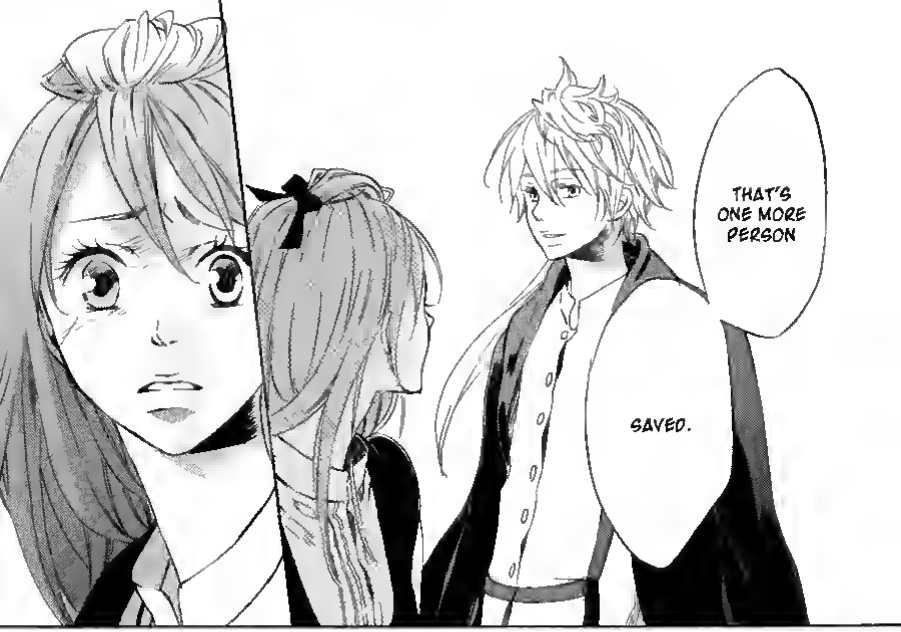
Haa
GEEZ, YOU REALLY ARE THICK.
!?
Yeah, she's right...
THAT'S THE REASON
THAT I WANT THE WORK OF "TSUBAKI TAKUTO" TO LIVE ON
I WANT TO LET IT KEEP ON GOING...
EVEN IF YOU THINK IT'S A MISTAKE.
PLUS,
I WON'T BE ALONE AT ALL

YOU'LL BE WATCHING OVER ME... RIGHT?
I FIGURE
IT'S A LOT TO ASK,
SORRY ABOUT THAT.

I'LL WATCH OVER YOU.
UNTIL THE END.. I'LL STAY AT YOUR SIDE..
I UNDER-STAND

I'LL BE BACK, THEN.

TAKUTO...!
YOU CAN REST NOW,
LEAVE THE REST TO ME.
TSUBAKI TAKUTO.. WILL LIVE ON..
GOOD.
!!



Was this... saving him...?

I...
I can only see
a sad man— ...
THAT MAN IS SOMETHING OF A GOD...
TO KEEP TSUBAKI TAKUTO ALIVE LIKE THIS—
IS THAT SO...?
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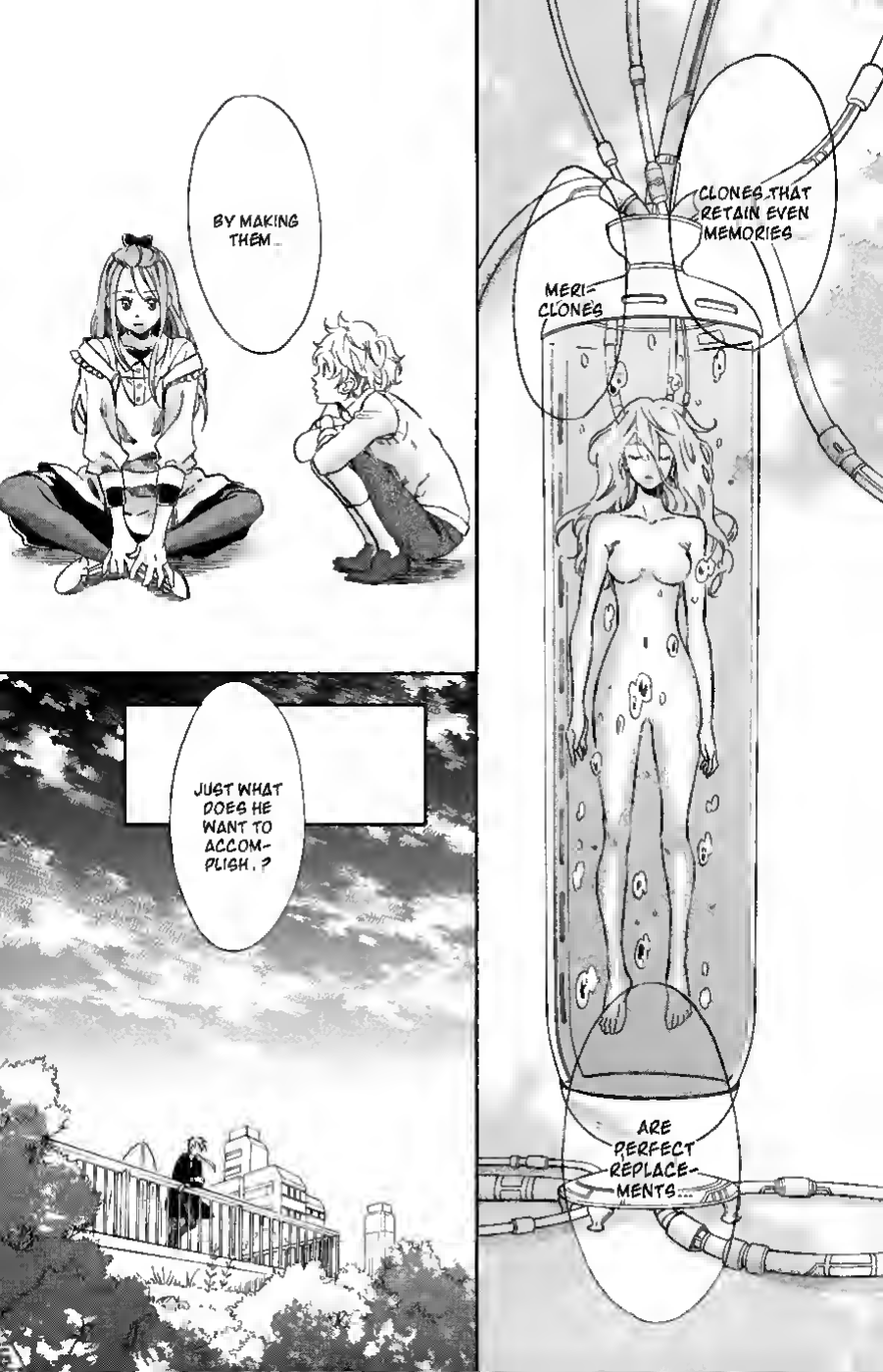
WONDERING ABOUT MERI-CLONES
MM, I WAS JUST TAKING A LITTLE BREAK TO THINK
WHAT'RE YOU DOING?
Slacking on the chores


BY MAKING THEM...
CLONES THAT RETAIN EVEN MEMORIES
MERI-CLONES
ARE PERFECT REPLACE-MENTS...
JUST WHAT DOES HE WANT TO ACCOM-PLISH.?

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99
96
97
94
95
...100.
JUST
A FEW MORE..
WAIT A MINUTE!!
HM?

WHY WON'T YOU TRUST ME!?
BECAUSE YOU'VE BEEN ACTING OFF LATELY...!
AND I SAW A GIRL GO INTO YOUR APARTMENT, SOUICHI...!!
WHAT, A FIGHT...?
I TRUSTED YOU...
I TRUSTED YOU, SOUICHI!!
YOU'RE TERRIBLE!!
I'M TRYING TO TELL YOU, THAT WASN'T
PUSH
ENOUGH!! DON'T TOUCH ME!!

THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD

SOUICHI!?
HEY...!
NO WAY.
SOU...
ICHI.!
SAY SOME-THING...!
WH...
WHAT NOW...!?
AN AMBU-LANCE...!
THAT WON'T HELP
!!

HE'S DEAD.
NO...!
I MEAN, YOU PUSHED HIM FROM ALL THE WAY UP THERE...

I LOVED HIM, TOO...!!
AND I—
SOUICHI...!! HE CHEATED ON ME...!!
NO...!! I DIDN'T MEAN TO...!!
IT'S YOUR FAULT...!!
WHY DID IT COME TO THIS...!?
TAKE RESPONSIBILITY ...!!

WHAT NOW...
I KILLED SOUICHI...
IT'S OK.
I
WILL SAVE YOU...

PHEW— HE'S HEAVY.
IT'S A GOOD THING I HAD A SUITCASE IN THE CAR.

I... I'M SORRY!
I...
I'M GOING TO GO TURN MYSELF IN AFTER ALL!
And it was so heavy
WHY?
HUH?
BECAUSE IT'S HOPE-LESS...!
I KILLED HIM...!
I KILLED SOUICHI...!
I CAN'T CHANGE THAT...!
I SAID I'D SAVE YOU, DIDN'T I?
Geez
Rustle
WELL, LOOK OVER HERE...

TAKE A GOOD LOOK.

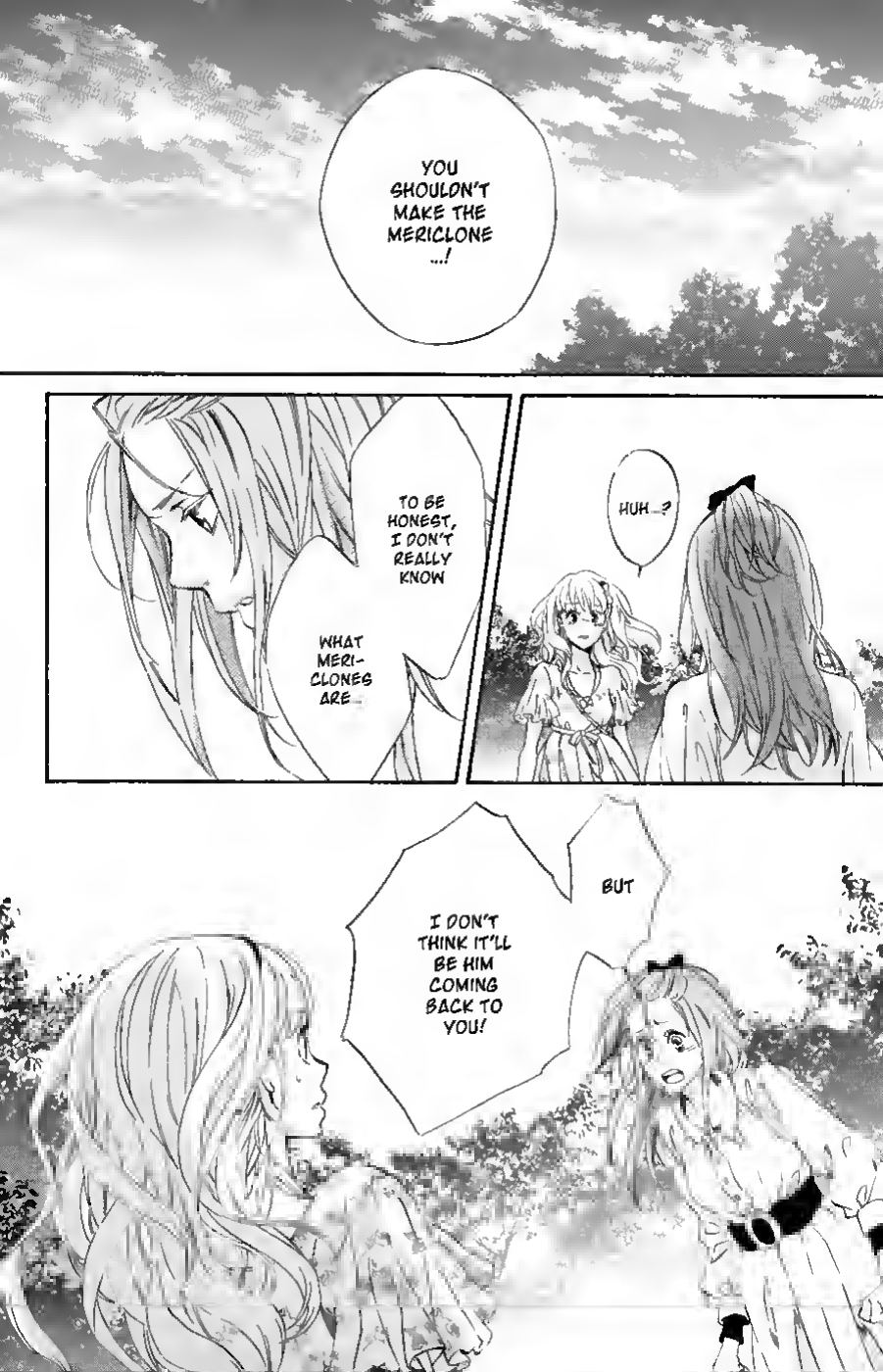
WHAT ARE THEY?
MERI... CLONES?
MERICLONES
THAT'S RIGHT.
I MAKE THEM
WITH ONE DIFFERENCE
RAISE
WELL, IT'S EASIEST TO SAY THAT THEY'RE CLONES

SO DO YOU GET IT?
HUH...
MERICLONES INHERIT NOT ONLY THE BODIES OF THE ORIGINAL,
BUT ALSO THEIR MEMORIES.
I'M SAYING THAT WE CAN BRING HIM BACK,
GET IT?

MEMORIES ARE PROOF OF LIFE
A MERICLONE WITH HIS MEMORIES
WILL BECOME THE REAL PERSON
IN OTHER WORDS, THIS MAGIC
WILL UNDO YOUR DESPAIR, REGRET, AND SIN .
EVERYTHING WILL RETURN TO HOW IT WAS.

Whisper
HEY,
ENOUGH HIDING ALREADY

!!
HEY HEY HEY!
HEY!
HEY!
TAP
TAP
TAP
HOLD IT...!
HUH...?
AH, UM. I...
I CAME TO STOP YOU!


YOU SHOULDN'T MAKE THE MERICLONE ...!
TO BE HONEST, I DON'T REALLY KNOW
WHAT MERI-CLONES ARE...
HUH...?
BUT
I DON'T THINK IT'LL BE HIM COMING BACK TO YOU!

IF YOU ACCEPT A MERICLONE OF HIM,
DOESN'T THAT MEAN YOU'LL FORGET THE REAL HIM.?
.....
RIGHT? SO YOU SHOULDN'T
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

IT'LL BE ALRIGHT.
Like you can talk!?
She's got a mischievous streak
SORRY, DON'T MIND HER.
MUSH
WE AREN'T MAKING A MISTAKE.

HEY.
SHOCK—
PAT
WH— WHAT IS IT!?
SO, I'LL GO RUSTLE UP SOME FOOD.
ha ha ha
.....
WHY DO YOU ALWAYS
TRY TO INTERFERE LIKE THIS?
RAISE
WHY..
What...
What now...!?
NO..
UM— I'M NOT INTER-FERING—

I'm scared...
WHY
DO YOU LOOK AT ME LIKE THAT...?
MY HEAD...
FEELS LIKE IT'S GOING TO EXPLODE..

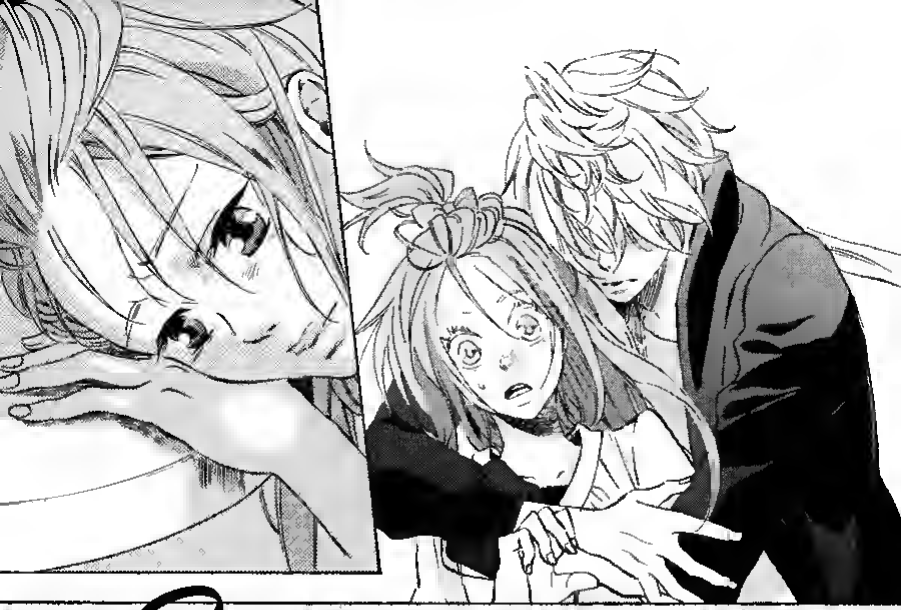
Louie...?
It's fine, even if I do...!
DOESN'T THAT MEAN YOU'LL FORGET THE REAL HIM...?
There's nothing wrong with it...!
This will work.
It'll be fine...
Because it was his fault, too...
TOP
TOP
TOP

HUH ...?
WHO IS IT..?
COULD IT BE
DING DONG!
GASHI-

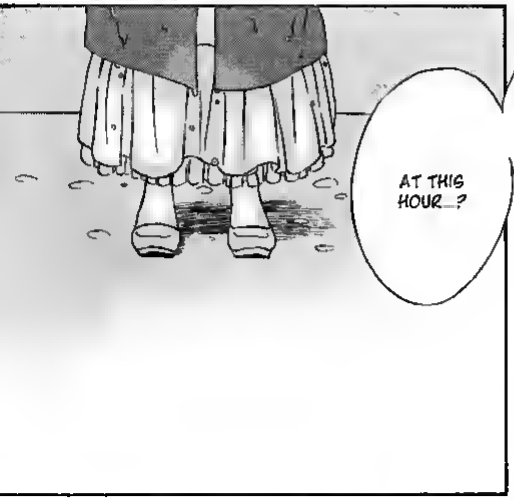
The police..?

HUH..?
...!?
WH...
WHY ARE YOU...?
CLACK
Why is she here!?

I'M SO HAPPY FOR YOU, MIKA.
.....
WHAT?
Drip
WOW,
IT'S REALLY COMING DOWN.
Days like this make me want to get a puppy.
.....
A puppy?



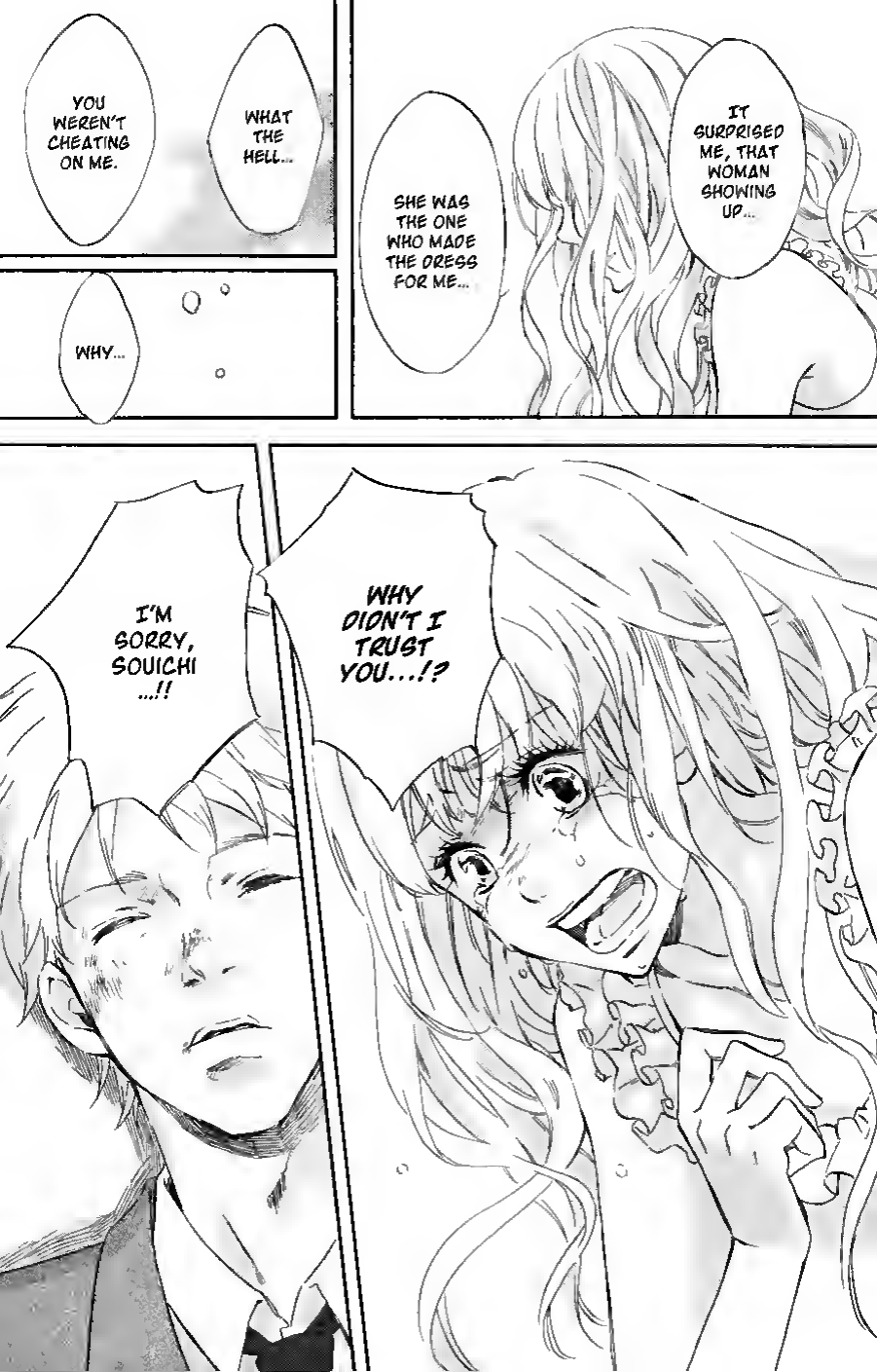
RUNNING



WH... WHAT'S WRONG? ARE YOU OK?
HUH?
HERE...?
...IS HE IS SOUICHI HERE...?

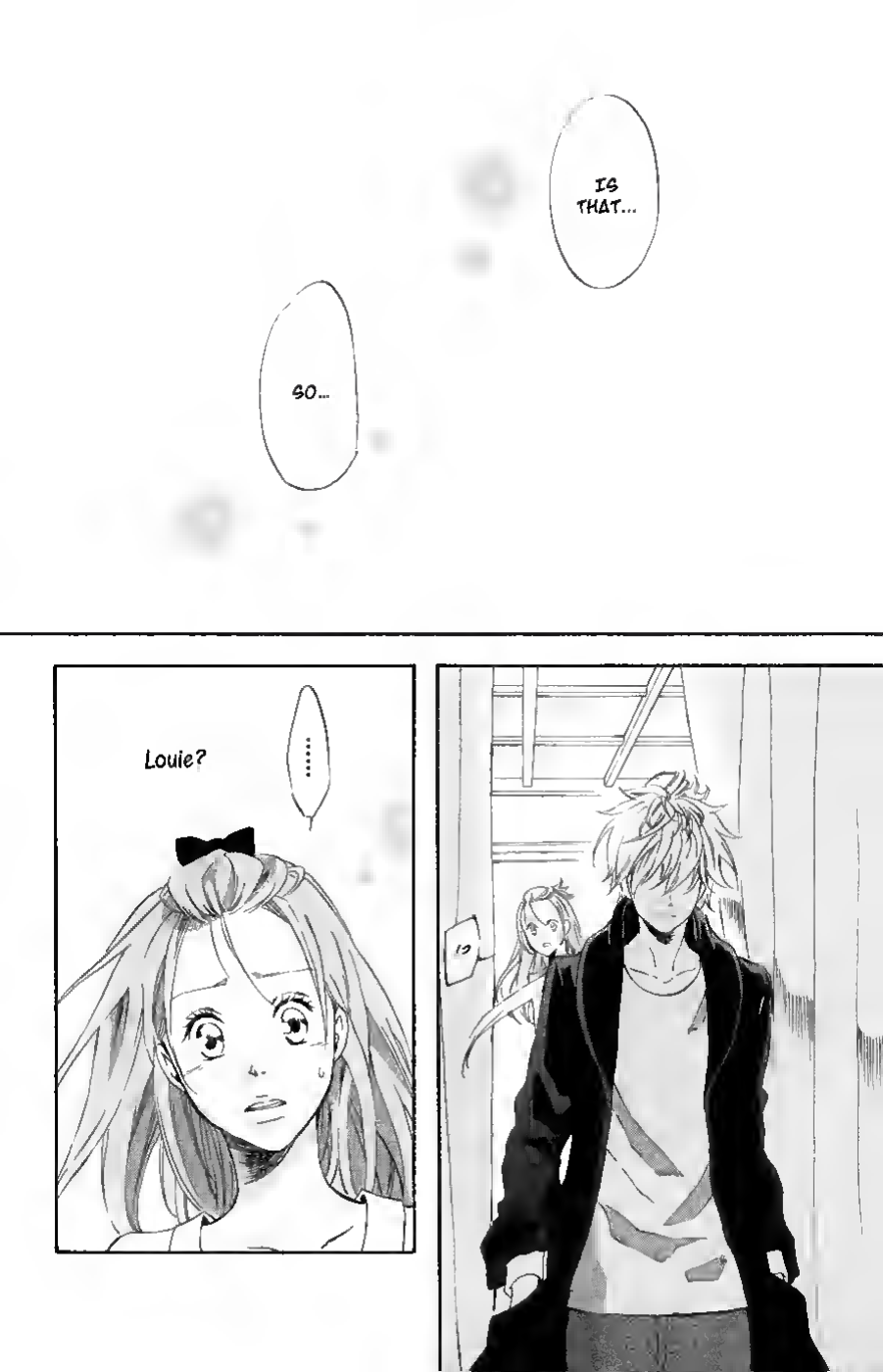
SOUICHI...
I'M WEARING IT..
!?

...!!
A wedding dress...?
I'D FORGOTTEN
THAT TODAY'S MY BIRTHDAY...


YOU WEREN'T CHEATING ON ME.
WHAT THE HELL...
WHY...
SHE WAS THE ONE WHO MADE THE DRESS FOR ME...
IT SURPRISED ME, THAT WOMAN SHOWING UP...
I'M SORRY, SOUICHI ...!!
WHY DIDN'T I TRUST YOU...!?

YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SEE HIM AGAIN SOON, YOU KNOW...
IT'LL BE OK
I... DON'T WANT A MERICLONE ANYMORE.
REALLY, THE SOUICHI RIGHT HERE IS HIM...
BE-CAUSE

MAYBE HE COULD BE BROUGHT BACK AS A MERICLONE,
BUT
THAT WOULD MEAN I'D FORGET ABOUT THE SOUICHI RIGHT HERE ..!!
SOUICHI
IS RIGHT HERE!
IF IT MEANS FORGETTING HIM,
THEN I'D RATHER ACCEPT MY CRIME AND PAY THE PRICE ..!


IS THAT...
SO...
Louie?
.....
IS

HA
HA HA HA
SO THE WORLD HAS OODBALLS, TOO..
TO REFUSE TO BRING BACK THE MAN SHE LOVES,
AND TO ACCEPT HIS DEATH..

THAT GIRL—...
SHE MUST NOT HAVE REALLY LOVED HIM, HUH...

HOW SAD..

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munch munch munch

You're mindlessly eating 100 of them!!
It's gross
TH— THAT'S ENOUGH ALREADY ~~~~!
YAWN
WH— WHAT'S WITH THOSE EYES!?
KNEEL
WHAT !?

fwip
chomp
SCARY...
Munch
Munch
Munch
It's no good... he's seriously messed up...
I'LL GIVE IT BACK!!
DON'T! STOP!
HOLD IT!
HEY...
flop
I DON'T WANT A MERICLONE.
GLUB...
What happened yesterday must've really shocked him...

The perfect replacement.
They are another you, another me.
Clones that inherit even memories...
Mericlones
She accepted his death and her part in it.
Her refusal of a mericlone...
was also a refusal of Louie himself.
MAYBE HE COULD BE BROUGHT BACK AS A MERICLONE,
But still she refused one.
BUT THAT WOULD MEAN I'D FORGET ABOUT THE SOUICHI RIGHT HERE..!!
IF IT MEANS FORGETTING HIM, THEN I'D RATHER ACCEPT MY CRIME AND PAY THE PRICE...!

Meaning even gods can be rejected?
Right? Louie—…
RRIINNGG
HM?
LOUIE, SOMEONE'S HERE A CLIENT…?
GO FECK IT POUT
Go check it out
HUH?
What?
I'm eating, so you go
RAM FEEDING, RO MOO GO
ARE YOU TELLING ME TO GO?
SHOO SHOO
munch munch
GEEZ
HAIR YOU FLOW
There you go

If it's a mericlone client,
he should be in a better mood...
No no no.
There's no way it's so bad that he won't make mericlones anymore.
WAVE WAVE
Besides, whether he's in a good mood or not
is none of my business...
RIIIING
RIGHT! I'M COMING...
SACK
KNOCK

..!?
YOU'RE...
NANAKO~~
WHO'S
THERE
~~?
HUH?
ME?
Huh??
WHAT,
YOU'RE
NOT HER?
...NANAKO?
!!

SION!!
HEY,
BEEN A WHILE.
OH!

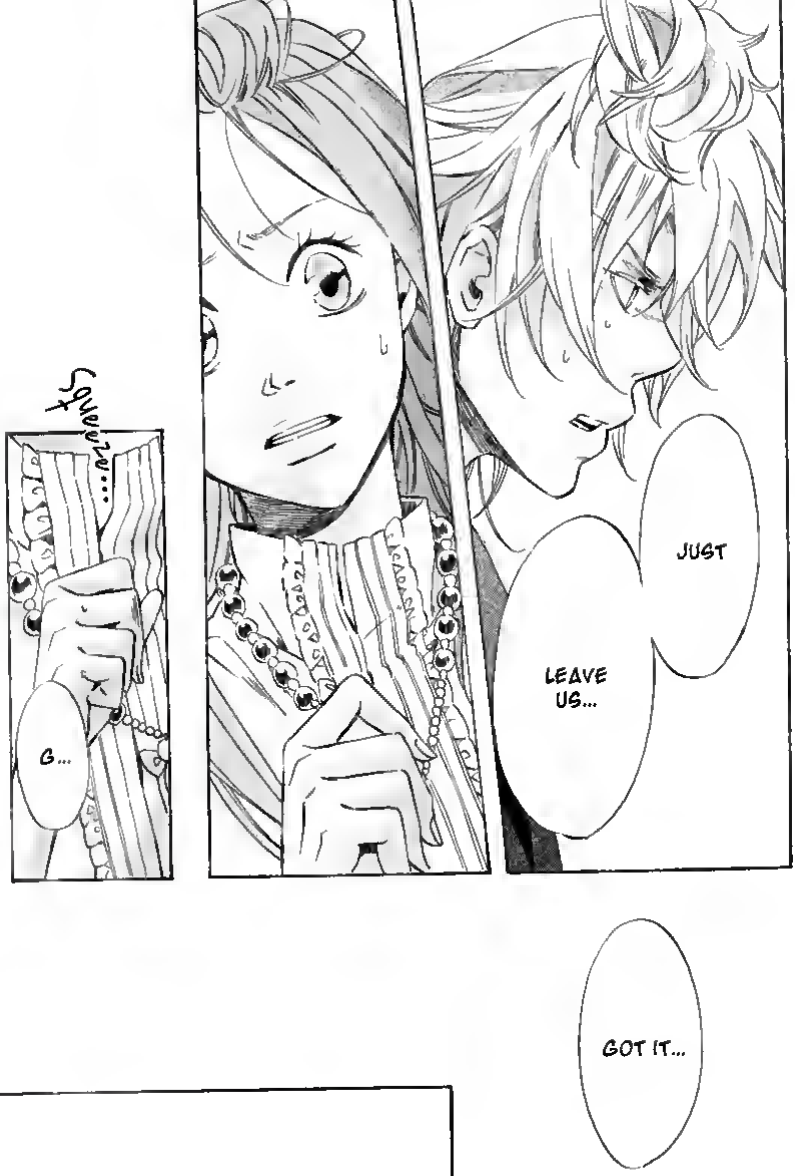
U—UM! COME IN!
I'LL BRING TEA!
Could he be a friend of Louie's!?
Maybe this will cheer him up...!!

Um...? Was I wrong?
I've got to stick to it!!
No!! It's fine!!
U—UM! IF YOU'D LIKE, THERE ARE DONUTS...
WHAT ARE YOU HERE FOR..?
Louie!! Why're you acting so cold!?
!!?
WHAT AM I HERE FOR? JUST TO SEE HOW YOU'RE DOING..
I'M GLAD TO SEE

BROTHER.
THAT YOU LOOK WELL,
Br...?
.....
Brother !!?
Br...

HUH?
THIS GIRL...
AND
clack
tap
tap
YOU'VE GOT A GOOD ONE HERE, DON'T YOU?

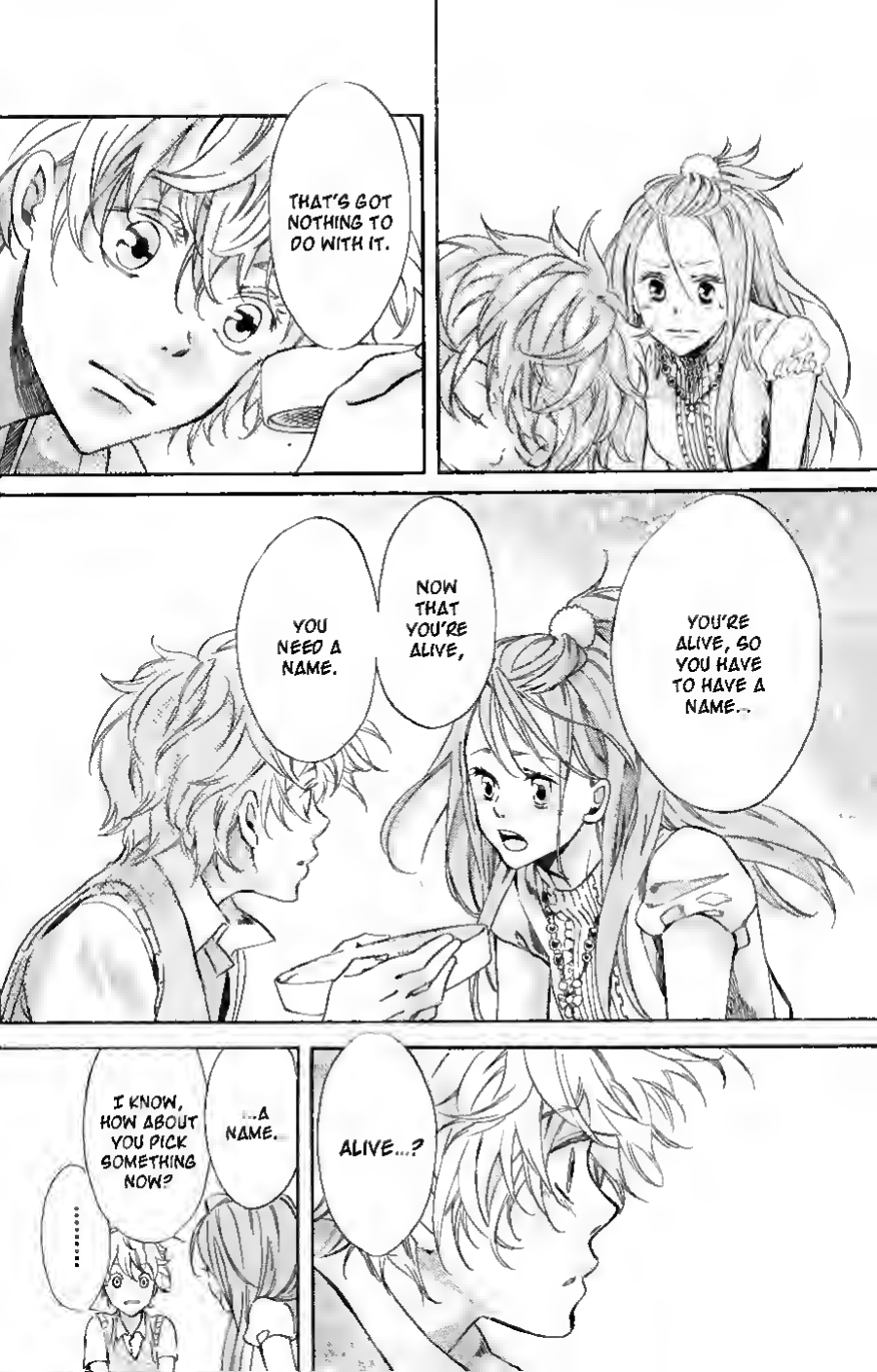
OH?
SHE'S GOT NOTHING TO DO
WITH YOU OR ME.
...LEAVE US.
HUH? OH, THEN I'LL MAKE MORE TEA.
WE'RE FINE...


Squeeze...
G...
JUST
LEAVE US...
GOT IT...

WHAT
A BOMB-SHELL.
I MEAN, DID YOU KNOW? THAT HE'S GOT A LITTLE BROTHER
NOPE.
PLUS, THAT MEANS HE WAS A CHILD AT SOME POINT..
IT REALLY IS A SHOCKER..
...?
HM?
WAIT, AREN'T YOU LOUIE'S BROTHER..?
NOPE.

LOUIE MADE ME.
SINCE I'M A MERI-CLONE.
SO I GUESS I'M JUST A CLONE.
OH! BUT I DON'T HAVE ANY MEMORIES,
HUH? BUT...
So that's how it is !?
WHAT !?
I'M FINE WITHOUT MEMORIES
LOUIE SAID
HUH?
.....

I DON'T HAVE A NAME, EITHER.
SO I'M EMPTY.
I MEAN, I'M A MERI-CLONE...
I DON'T MIND.
WE CAN'T HAVE THAT...!
THAT'S NO GOOD!
SCATTER
SCATTER
IT WAS TRUE.
HUH? SO WHEN YOU TOLD ME BEFORE THAT YOU DIDN'T HAVE A NAME...
TH—


THAT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH IT.
YOU'RE ALIVE, SO YOU HAVE TO HAVE A NAME...
NOW THAT YOU'RE ALIVE,
YOU NEED A NAME.
ALIVE...?
...A NAME.
I KNOW, HOW ABOUT YOU PICK SOMETHING NOW?
.....

THEN
HOW ABOUT RIKIDOU-ZAN...?
The guy you like...
fidget..
SURE! RIKI..
RIKI-DOU-ZAN !?
YUP.
ALRIGHT, I'LL GO TELL LOUIE!!
Starting today I'm RIKIDOUZAN
tap
tap
tap
HUH, WAIT..!
GLUB..
GLUB..
I SEE YOU'RE ALMOST TO 100, HUH.
.....
SO YOU'LL KEEP YOUR END OF THE DEAL..
YEAH, OF COURSE

HUH? THAT GUY'S STILL THERE...
ALRIGHT, I'LL GO INTRODUCE MYSELF TO HIM!
AH! DON'T!
W... WILL YOU THINK IT OVER?
Riki-douzan is kinda...
BUT WHAT'S UP WITH THAT GIRL?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN? SHE'S A MERICLONE CLIENT.
About me...?
WHY'S SHE STAYING WITH YOU?
...IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS.
HUH, I SEE.

SO SHE'S HERE FOR THE OCCASIONAL BIT OF COMFORT...
OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
I WONDER
SHE'S PRETTY CUTE COMPARED TO YOU, RIGHT?
PAT
HMPH.
THE GUTTER?
YOUR MIND'S IN THE GUTTER, AS ALWAYS.

...huh?
COMPARED TO THE GUY WHO KILLED ALINA.
THAT...
WAS...
AN ACCIDENT? SO ALL'S FORGIVEN?
SHE WOULD HAVE WANTED TO LIVE...

SHUT UP!
STOP... STOP TALKING !!
WOBBLE
UH..
TO DIE LIKE THAT ——...
SHUT UP!!

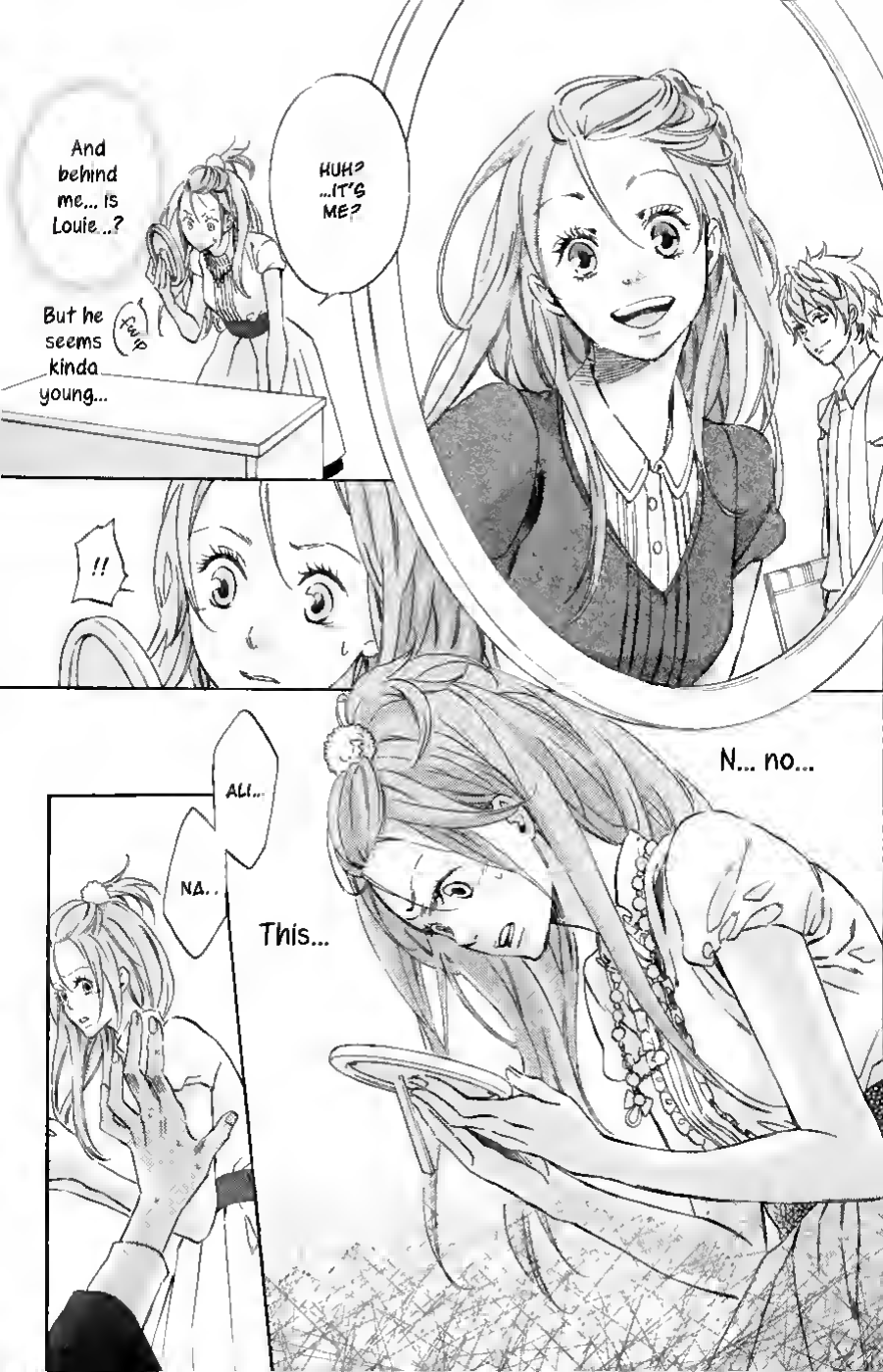
HUH, LOOK AT THIS.
ARE YOU ALSO
A FAILURE?
HAA
HAA
HAA
CLICK

OH, IT'S YOU...
Tap Tap Tap Tap
he he
DID YOU HEAR ALL THAT...?
!!
WHAM
LOUIE...!

touch
haa
haa
haa
haa
HM?
What's with this guy...?
PLEASE GO HOME
Is he really Louie's little brother?
I SAID GO HOME!!

HEY, IS THIS LOUIE'S ROOM?
Y- YEAH...
H-HURRY AND OPEN IT~~!
HOLD ONTO HIM BETTER!!
UH~~
STOMP
STOMP
DRAG DRAG
this is the first time I've seen his room...
That reminds me.
If it is super-creepy
What should I do...?
CLACK
IT'S UNLOCKED.

What... It's completely normal...
Ha!
Ha!
OH, THANKS!
OK, I'LL GO GET SOME ICE!
Ha
Ha
Hm?
Phew


And behind me... is Louie...?
But he seems kinda young...
Huh?
HUH? ...IT'S ME?
!!
N... no...
This...
ALI...
NA..

FORGIVE ...
ME...
ALI——...
LOUIE...
That's right...
This girl——...

What is this...
Hey, what is this...?
HAH
HAH
How ore you o god?
You're—
ALI...
NA...
Is the one Louie loves...

Just human, aren't you...?

That is your punishment.

Chapter 5/ End

Hello to the new readers and old fans alike! Kazumi Yuana here
I took a little break, but now I'm back!
Truth is... this is my first comic in... XX years (it's terrible!!)
And I'm going for a fantasy, my first in a while
It wasn't all smooth sailing, but I did my best so everyone could enjoy it
So, let's meet again in the next volume...! Keep an eye out for the story of those two strange guys...!
Thanks so much!

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おまけ ☆今回の迷言(in俊羅場合宿編)☆

(私)「わぁぁぁぁ!! どうしよう!! 指5本描いてもた――!!」←徹夜のん

(アシ)「ゆっ 指は5本であってますよ!! おちついて!!」

ちゅんちゅん♪
(トリ)

あっHPも有ります。
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でも最近はツイッターばかりPNでやってます!
こちらもヨロシクー!

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